



# MINUTES

## February 9, 2015

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Call to order:**           **Time: 6:00PM**

**1.       *The pledge of allegiance***

**2.       *Roll Call:***

	Present	Absent
Mayor Karl Popoff	<b>X</b>	
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	<b>X</b>	
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	<b>X</b>	
<b>Council Position #3 Becky Campbell</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>STARTING VOTE</b>		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	<b>X</b>	
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	<b>X</b>	
City Administrator Jodi Fritts	<b>X</b>	
Student Liaison VACANT		

**3.       *Special Orders of Business:***

*a.       Special Council Training-Lauren Sommers, City legal counsel  
(approximately 1.5 hours)*

Lauren Sommers, legal counsel, conducted a special council training.

The Mayor read to the Council a letter he received from Ted Watkins expressing gratitude for the presentation of the Key to the City.

**4.       *Consent Calendar:***

*None scheduled*

There was no consent calendar.

**5.       *Citizens Comments***

*As presented to the Mayor at the beginning of the meeting.*

There were no citizens' comments presented to the Mayor.

**6.       *Public Hearing***

*None scheduled*

There were no public hearings held.

**7.       *Citizen Requested Agenda Items***

*a.       Mary Rowe-request to ban barrel and open burning within the city limits*

The Mayor said that there was a citizen requested agenda item by Mary Rowe, but she was not present. He said that it does not stop the Council from looking at the burn barrel issue

that she raised, which was that all burn barrel burning be banned from the city itself. He said there are regulations, and the City Administrator has provided those to the Council. He opened it up for discussion.

Councilor Melinda McVey said there was one request to ban burn barrel burning, and she thinks that there should be input from other citizens in the city. Councilor Doug Brand said that when he saw this issue on the agenda, he emailed the city administrator to see if the chief would be available to answer how many complaints there have been regarding burn barrels in the last six years. He asked City Administrator Fritts if there are any numbers. Fritts responded that her knowledge is there have not been any. She said that usually the complaints are in regards to people that are burning an open pile and they do not have a permit. In those instances, typically a police officer will go to the location first, then the office will check to see if there is a permit, and then if someone is burning something they're not supposed to, then the chief goes out. Councilor Brand said that in the six years he's been a councilor, this is the first complaint that he can remember. The Mayor said that he cannot ever remember a complaint coming to the Council.

Councilor Becky Campbell said since there's been only one complaint on this issue, she would move that the Council not take any action. Councilor McVey wondered if Mary Rowe had discussed the issue with the neighbor and maybe the neighbor would be willing to move the burn barrel, or maybe the neighbor is burning in the high winds and that is what is causing problems. She said that it needs to be looked into more deeply because one complaint for a whole city doesn't fly. Councilor Larry Brennan said that it's already been regulated and he thinks that the Council should go by the regulations that are in place.

Councilor Tamie Kaufman asked if the chief or the administrator could update the Council on this particular burn barrel. The Mayor invited Chief Dixon Andrews to update the Council.

Chief Andrews said that he can think of two burn complaints that police officers responded to, and the calls are minimal regarding burn barrels. He said he does have a lot of information and knowledge about the circumstances with the four-plex situated behind City Hall where Mary Rowe resides. He said that, in all fairness, listening to Mary Rowe at the last Council meeting, he thought she was very well organized and very well prepared, but the truth of the matter is that for approximately 18 months she's been involved in an ongoing neighbor dispute with all of her neighbors in the four-plex, previous neighbors and current neighbors. The common denominator is that Ms. Rowe is engaging in disputes with all of these neighbors. He said this request of the Council is just another way of expressing her frustration over the ongoing neighbor disputes. He said she knew that the neighbor with the burn barrel was legal as far as how many feet the barrel was from the back of her apartment, but she chose to leave her window open. He said she called the police. She complained that the neighbor was burning. Her window was open, and she refused to shut her back window because it's her right to have fresh air coming in, so she was not going to shut her window. She complained that the neighbor was calling her names when he was back tending his burn barrel. He said there's more to the story than just having the fumes. In the time she's lived here there's been the ongoing dispute with neighbors, and he said that he believes that there have been over 50 calls from her in the last year and a half.

The Mayor asked if the fire chief has made an examination of the area as far as where the burn barrel was located. Fritts said that he has been out there several times. Ms. Rowe was not satisfied with his professional opinion, and she felt he was dismissive and rude and made a complaint to her about Chief Floyd.

**MOTION: Councilor Melinda McVey made a motion that the City Council leaves the ordinance as it stands. Councilor Becky Campbell seconded the motion.**

**Mayor Karl Popoff asked if there was any discussion or debate. No further discussion. Mayor Popoff called the question.**

<b>Record of Vote</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
<b>MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY</b>			

**8. Public Contracts and Purchasing**  
*None Scheduled*

**9. Ordinances & Resolutions**  
*a. Resolution R1415-09-Volunteer Workers Comp Coverage*

**MOTION: Councilor Tamie Kaufman made the motion to approve Resolution R1415-09. Councilor Larry Brennan seconded the motion.**

**Mayor Karl Popoff asked if there was any discussion or debate. No further discussion. Mayor Popoff called the question.**

<b>Record of Vote</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
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**10. Miscellaneous Items (including policy discussions and determinations)**  
*a. Fire Truck Levy for May?*

The Mayor said that already two fire truck levies have failed, and both times there have been other levies on the same ballot. He said in May there will also possibly be the sheriff's levy. He said he's hoping that both can be passed. He said the record in the county has not been all that great, but he did want to inform the Council that the fire truck levy probably will not be alone on the ballot, depending on whether the Board of Commissioners decides to put the

sheriff's levy on the May ballot.

CA Fritts said she shares the Mayor's concern. She said the flipside to the concern is that she is fairly certain that the County will also have some kind of levy in November as well. She said if the fire truck levy doesn't get put on the May ballot, yes, it can be put on the November ballot. However, if the levy passes in May, the City can start collecting taxes in November. If the Council waits until November and then the levy passes, the City will not be able to collect taxes until next November. She said this is the fourth year now since the levy sun downed in 2011, so in the last four years the City has not been accruing money for the new fire truck. She said if the Council decides to put the fire truck levy on the May ballot, there needs to be a resolution, and then at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council could vote on it. There is a March 19<sup>th</sup> deadline for submitting it to the elections department.

Councilor Kaufman said that she doesn't think it will work if the Council doesn't campaign for it. She said she personally does not have time between now and May to do that. She said she doesn't think that November is a good time to put anything on the ballot for tax measures. If others have time to campaign for it, maybe this is a good time. She said that previously the levy was pretty much thrown out there and not been supported with effort. The Council had supported it with lip service, but there had been no actual campaigning. She said the Council has to do the campaigning. Staff can't.

The Mayor asked Lorraine from the Curry County Reporter if it would be possible for her to mention in her article the need for a new fire truck, that it will be on the ballot, that it's not something that's frivolous, but something that is desperately needed. He also told the reporter from the Coastal Pilot that he would also appreciate seeing something in print in their newspaper.

Councilor Brand asked if there were stats on what it would do to fire insurance. Fritts said if the City were to lose the current fire rating, it would significantly increase fire insurance rates within not only the city limits but also within the Gold Beach/Wedderburn Fire District because the City provides them with fire service by contract.

**MOTION: Councilor Larry Brennan made a motion to put the fire truck levy on the May ballot. Councilor Melinda McVey seconded the motion.**

**Mayor Karl Popoff asked if there was any discussion or debate. No further discussion. Mayor Popoff called the question.**

<b>Record of Vote</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
<b>MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY</b>			

**11. City Administrator's Report**  
*To be presented at the meeting*

CA Fritts presented her monthly report which is attached to these minutes.

**12. Mayor and Council Member Comments**

- a. Mayor Karl Popoff: He said that he will be going to Salem for Capitol Day the 28<sup>th</sup>. He said if any of the councilors have not been to the Capitol Building, have not seen personally our state representative and our state senator, particularly in their work environment, it would be a nice thing to go see, and he invited them to join him. He said that it gives them a chance to see who represents the City and anytime you get an opportunity to do something like that, please take it, whether it is for training or just representing the City.
- b. Councilors
  - 1) Melinda McVey: Nothing tonight.
  - 2) Larry Brennan: Nothing tonight.
  - 3) Beck Campbell: Nothing tonight.
  - 4) Doug Brand: Happy Valentine's Day.
  - 5) Tamie Kaufman: She said she wanted to mention there are budget committee openings, and the budget starts in probably March/April. There are three positions open, so we need lots of applicants. She said it's been awhile since the Council has reviewed their Council goals, and it was going to be done every quarter. She asked if the Council still wanted to do that. The Mayor asked if it really needed to be done every quarter. He thought it could be done every six months or so. Councilor Brennan asked when the last time was they reviewed them. CA Fritts answered that it's been a year. There was discussion among the Council, and the consensus was to get back on track and start having them.

**13. Citizens Comments**

*As presented to the Mayor at the beginning of the meeting*

There were no citizens' comments presented.

**14. Executive Session**

*None scheduled*

There was no executive session scheduled.

**MOTION: Councilor Doug Brand made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Larry Brennan seconded the motion.**

**Mayor Karl Popoff asked if there was any discussion or debate. No further discussion. Mayor Popoff called the question.**

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 Melinda McVey	X		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Becky Campbell	X		
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
<b>MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY</b>			

*The next scheduled meeting of the Gold Beach City Council is Monday, March 9, 2015, at 6:30PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 29592 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, Oregon.*

**15.     Adjourn           Time: 8:25PM**